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FOR AMBASSADOR TODMAN FROM GEORGE BROWN

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OCON, BR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS BY MIAMI TV STATIONS

1. ON YOUR RETURN TWO TV STATIONS IN MIAMI WOULD LIKE FILMED INTERVIEWS WITH YOU IN YOUR OFFICE, FIFTEEN MINUTES IN ONE CASE AND THIRTY IN THE OTHER. THE TWO STATIONS ARE WCIX (AN INDEPENDENT WITH A LARGE AUDIENCE), AND THE NBC AFFILIATE, CHANNEL 7 (WCKT). MIAMI IS, OF COURSE, THE AREA MOST INTERESTED IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS. BUT, BY AND LARGE, THE AUDIENCE THERE IS ALREADY FIRMLY SET IN ITS VIEWS OPPOSING OUR POSITIONS ON PANAMA AND CUBA. SO WHILE ATTENTIVE, THE LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGING VIEWS IN THIS AUDIENCE IS NOT GREAT. IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT TO ADDRESS THEM WILL ONLY STIR UP A HOSTILE GROUP. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH STATIONS WILL BE IN TOWN TALKING TO THEIR CONGRESSMEN AND

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OTHERS ABOUT THESE ISSUES SO WE SHOULD BE HEARD AS WELL. CONSIDERING YOUR LIMITED TIME AND CROWDED SCHEDULE, IT IS A CLOSE CALL. STILL, I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU DO IT.

2. THE STATIONS NEED TO KNOW IN ADVANCE TO MAKE THEIR ARRANGEMENTS. IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL ARRANGE MOST CONVENIENT TIME.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE TV INTERVIEWS THOMAS REGALADO, NEWS

DIRECTOR OF WRHC RADIO IN MIAMI, WILL BE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR ON LATIN AMERICAN POLICY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD LIKE A FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVIEW. HIS REQUEST WAS PASSED TO US BY THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE WHICH HAS NO STRONG INTEREST IN HIS REQUEST. I WOULD INCLUDE HIM, TOO, IF YOU APPROVE THE TV INTERVIEWS. IN CONSIDERING ALL THIS REMEMBER YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT TO JACKIE TRESCOTT FOR THE STYLE INTERVIEW IN THE POST FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DO I SAY YES OR NO AND TO WHOM? CHRISTOPHER

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